

Howell Shooting Club

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Any questions concerning the operation of the Club can be brought up at the Monthly Membership Meeting or by contacting any of the above Directors. You can submit your ideas or articles for the newsletter to any Board member or Bob Shamasko in the following manners:

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HSC Events Calendar 2003
All General Membership meetings begin at 9 a.m.
August 2003
. August 23 IDPA

September 2003
. **September 7** General Meeting and Club Picnic
. Sept 3 Basic TBA 6PM
. Sept 6 Personal Protection in the Home Course 8:00A to 5:00P
. Sept 27 IDPA

October, 2003
. **October 5** General Meeting
. Oct 15 Basic Pistol at 6 pm
. Oct 18 Basic Pistol at 9 am
. Oct 25 IDPA

November 2003
. **November 2** General Membership Meeting

December 2003
. **December 7** General Membership Meeting

. **Club Fun shoots first Sunday of the month May through October**

Remember, everyone must maintain a current FOID card and NRA membership. Must send copies of current cards to David Lombardo. Failure to have current information on file suspends your access to Club facilities.

Expired NRA Memberships on file:
Demondo, Rich
Barkstrom, Bill
Skidmore Sr., Robert E.
Lebbin, Dennis R.

Ellis, Chuck
Treadway, Allen (Rick)
Kaletka, Mark O.
Prosser, Joe
Pascual, Rolando
Skidmore Jr., Robert E.
Fronek, Gerald
York, James

Expired FOID Cards on file
Pascual, Rolando
Kucia, Dave
Bergeron, James H.

Editors Note:
Due to computer related problems
There are no minutes of the August General Meeting available for the newsletter. Minutes will be read at the September General Meeting.

From the Desk of the President

A big THANKS to Larry Yackley for conducting the meeting and fun shoot for August.

A big THANKS to those who assisted with the booth and BB gun range at the Kendall County Fair - Lou Tomes, Erin Richie, Luann Yackley, BeckySue Yackley, Tom Larsen, Ken Brieschke, Kerry Krickeberg, Larry Yackley, Keith Tomes and David Lombardo. Club picnic is Sunday, September 7, 2003. Come for the meeting, food and fun shoot. Allison Hartman and John Millington are graciously running a pin shoot - bring your pistols, .22, .38, .44, .45, .357, .17, .50 Call BeckySue at 630-554-8966 to RSVP for the catered meal served at high noon. Please RSVP by September 1, 5 pm.

A class to certify instructors as NRA Training Counselors will be held December 12,13,14. Prerequisites are minimum of two years as instructor, taught at least 5 classes with cumulative of 25 students and be certified in at least

5 disciplines and preapproval from NRA office - for information contact president at 630-554-8966 or snowelf@att.net
Please remember to return tables to gravel or mulched area so Clyde can mow grass areas and targets to gravel or sheds. Pick up empty cases and dispose of in containers.

From the Desk of the Vice President.

Promoting the club makes good sense

David A. Lombardo, vice president

The Club was offered free booth space at this year's Kendall County Fair July 31st - August 3rd. So we took advantage of the opportunity to promote the Club, our NRA courses and the 6th Annual Clyde Howell NRA Youth Shooting Sports Camp.

We set up a 20-foot BB range and display. Keith & Lou Tomes, Larry & Luann Yackley and Tom Yackley helped cover the booth Thursday and Friday. Erin Richey and I covered it all day and night Saturday then returned for Sunday aided by Ken Brieschke. I'm not sure how many folks shot BB gun on Thursday and Friday but on Saturday we let about 150 people shoot and about another 130 or so on Sunday.

There was a lot of interest in general and I spent most of my time talking with people about how they could become involved with the Camp. By the end of the Fair I had over 30 names of individuals who want to send their kids to Camp. Many agreed to volunteer to help at the camp. The biggest problem the Camp faces is how to accommodate more campers without the quality of the experience suffering. The demand for camper slots is high and grows every year.

We had a very similar response when we took advantage of free booth space at the Outdoor Show in Rosemont last January. We're going to have a booth at National Hunting and Fishing Days in September and again at the Outdoor Show in

January. Some question the value of attending such shows but it's difficult to understate the importance.

The Camp and the NRA courses we offer to the public make the club a better place for our members. There is the obvious benefit of getting a few individuals to join the club as a result of their exposure to it while attending one of these events but that's not the most compelling argument. Both the Camp and the NRA courses provide the club with the exposure necessary to generate grant money and funding through donations. In the past few years we have acquired numerous firearms and equipment that can be used in structured events at the club. Talking to people about cash and in-kind donations is something both Tom Yackley and I spend a lot of our time doing. We're constantly looking two to five years down the road, asking ourselves where the Club will be then and what will it take to run it?

Strategic planning is essential to the health of any organization and finding grants and donations is one way of keeping costs down while increasing what the club has to offer. If you think about it, we have one of the least expensive shooting clubs you'll ever find. The Camp and the NRA courses help generate the revenue required to improve our infrastructure and equipment.

Perhaps most important, we continue to spread the word about shooting sports to more-and-more people and most of them are voters. In the long run, the more activity we generate, the better it is for our organization and the shooting sports in general.

If you're not already involved in the Camp, consider the possibility. Many shooters read magazine articles about the importance of being involved but don't know what to do. Here at Howell we're very fortunate, we are doing it and we always need more volunteers. Come on out and give us a hand.

Best wishes,
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Thanks for the A/C !!!!

Not only from the Board but from EVERY member who attends meetings !!

The club's newest member, Liz Tryzna, who showed up at this month's meeting with her membership application and a brand new air conditioner for the Club house. She has our warmest thanks **Beware**, the Illinois legislature goes back into session in November

More Quotes:

"It might be 50 years before the United States gets to where Britain is today. Passing a law like the assault weapon ban is a symbolic--purely symbolic--move in that direction. Its only real justification is not to reduce crime but to desensitize the public to the regulation of weapons in preparation for their ultimate confiscation."

--Charles Krauthammer, Washington Post, April 5, 1996

"Common Sense" from Congress

And now Sen. Feinstein is back trying to keep alive the ban Bill Clinton inflicted on law-abiding Americans. Joined by comrades such as Sens. Chuck Schumer and Ted Kennedy, she has introduced S.1034, the "Assault Weapons Ban Reauthorization Act of 2003." It makes the Clinton gun ban permanent and also bans the importation of large-capacity magazines. Certainly Feinstein's bill is less "ambitious" than McCarthy's and undoubtedly will be portrayed as a "reasonable," and "common-sense" alternative by firearm-phobic editorial writers at the New York Times and Washington Post.

"Gun owners have nothing to fear from me." Gubernatorial candidate Rod Blagojevich.

"I support Mayor Daley's reasonable gun legislation"
Governor Rod Blagojevich.